

Pathway to Freedom: Love the Brethren

(Exodus 20:12; S. Terry at CFC; Sunday Morning 10/23/16)

Theme: Christians have a “faith working through love” which prefers the brethren above others, while desiring others to become brethren and so teaching the gospel of Christ.

I. Mosaic Covenant: Honor your father and mother (Ex.20:12)

A. What is being commanded?

1. To honor
2. Both father and mother
3. For prolonged days in the land

B. What is the purpose of the command?

1. To teach – The Shema
2. To keep the covenant
3. To perpetuate the people of God

C. How do we keep this command?

1. Reverence
2. Subjection (obedience)
3. Care for

II. New Covenant: Love the Brethren

A. Jesus upholds the command

1. Condemns the Pharisees use of Corban (Mark 7:9-13)
2. We have a “working through love, faith” (Galatians 5:6)

B. Jesus advances the command

1. You must hate you’re your father and mother (Luke 14:25-27)
2. Behold, believers are you father and mother (Mark 3:31-35)
3. A new command from Jesus (John 13:34-35)

C. How do we keep this new command?

1. Loving by liking and preferring the brethren
2. Loving by change of heart, soul, mind and strength